THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the Supreme Court orders, there is a proposal to build a peripheral expressway around Delhi. The estimated cost of project is Rs. 3657 crore and will be shared by Central Government, Government of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi. Since the project is in the preliminary stage and the alignments are yet to be finalized, the work has not yet started. At this stage, therefore it is not possible to indicate the targets for completion of the work.

MAHU By-Pass on NH-3

t2598. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for the demarcation of Mahu By-Pass on National Highway No. 3 passing through Madhya Pradesh to be included in Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether the same has been included in the plan; and

(c) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The construction of Mahu Bypass is a part of proposed four laning of Indore-khalghat section of NH-3 included in the list of works to be taken up under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-Ill on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis.

(c) The Government has accorded approval to NHDP Phase-Ill.

Funds for Maintenance of National Highway

†2599. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.